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**ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's letter of November 19, 2003, applicant elects the Species I comprising Figures 1-8, 10 and 12. The Examiner did not mention Figure 10, but it is a sectional view of Figure 5.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-8, 12-19, 23, 25-26, 39, 47-48 and 50-51. Claims 1-4, 8 and 50-51 are generic.

It is noted that claims 9-11, 20-22, 24, 30, 36 and 38 are no longer in this application, having either been rewritten in independent form according to the previous amendment or cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims to the elected species are all patentable over the prior art.

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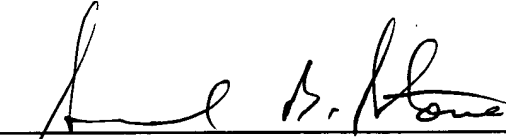
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A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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